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SUBJECT: BONDHOLDERS COUNCIL

REF: STATE 248422 AND BUDAPEST 3993

1. AKAR, WHO IS ON LEAVE, UNABLE TO CALL WOODS. FINANCE MIN, HOWEVER, ASKED EMBASSY BY HAND-DELIVERED LTR OF DEC 27 TO CALL WOODS FOR MIN AND TELL HIM HUNGARIANS READY FOR NEGOTIATIONS IN BUDAPEST FROM JAN 10. ATTACHED TO MIN LTR WAS COPY OF AKAR INVITATION LTR NOT RECEIVED BY WOODS (BUT COMMUNICATED TO HIM ACCORDING PARA 1 STATE REFTEL). THIS LTR OF NOV 14 INVITED WOODS TO BUDAPEST IN JAN.

2. EMBOFF TELEPHONED WOODS IN PARIS MORNING OF DEC 28 TO COMMUNICATE CONTENTS OF MIN LTR. WOODS REPLIED THAT THERE WAS NOTHING IMPORTANT REMAINING TO NEGOTIATE JUSTIFYING TRIP TO BUDAPEST, BUT THAT HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE IN PARIS JAN 3, 4 OR 10, 11 IF AKAR WISHED TO COME. WOODS ASKED EMBOFF TO DELIVER THIS MESSAGE TO AKAR WITH HIS GREETINGS AND APOLOGIES THAT HIS ORIGINAL MESSAGE AS RECEIVED DID NOT MENTION PARIS AS THE PROPOSED MEETING PLACE. WOODS ALSO SUGGESTED THAT IF AKAR CANNOT REACH HIM, HE (AKAR) COULD FORWARD HIS OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER THROUGH HUNGARIAN EMBASS* IN PARIS AS WOODS BELIEVES IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO SETTLE REMAINING DIFFICULTIES BY TELEPHONE. WOODS DID NOT APPEAR TOO EAGER FOR EARLY SETTLEMENT, EXPRESSING PERSONAL BELIEF TO EMBOFF THAT

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CONCLUSION OF NEGOTIATIONS COULD WAIT UNTIL SPRING.

3. EMBOFF WILL ATTEMPT DELIVER MESSAGE TOMORROW
(SATURDAY) WHEN AKAR RETURNS FROM LEAVE.
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